

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

As set forth above, claims 1-6 and 29-36 are cancelled. New claims 37-42 are added for the reasons set forth below. The pending claims have been amended in light of the remarks in the current Office Action and in light of the recent interview.

I. Interview Dated April 15, 2008

An interview was held on April 15, 2008. During the interview, the current Office Action was addressed. The current Office Action did not address claim changes in independent claim 21 made in the prior amendment. Examiner Ly acknowledged this fact. During the interview, the allowability of independent claim 21 was also discussed. Applicants believe that an agreement was reached that the features of independent claim 21 are allowable. Examiner Ly indicated that he would need to update his search and present the claim to his Primary Examiner. In light of the discussion, the other pending claims have been amended to include similar features as independent claim 21. New claims 37-42 are also added to include a system version of the features. New claims 37-42 also include similar features as independent claim 21. Accordingly applicants believe that the claims are in condition for allowance.

II. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 7, 13 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The claims have been amended as set forth above to remedy the concerns.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, 7-10, 13, 16, 18-20, 21-22, 24-28, 29 and 32-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 7,058,626 issued to Pan et al. (hereinafter "Pan") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,327,590 issued to Chidlovskii et al. (hereinafter "Chidlovskii") and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,640,218 issued to Golding et al. (hereinafter "Golding"). Claims 4-5, 11-12, 17 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pan in view of Chidlovskii and further in view of Golding and further in view of U.S. Patent No 6,430,552 issued to Corston-Oliver (hereinafter "Corston-Oliver").

Claims 1-6 and 29-36 are cancelled as set forth above. The pending claims have been amended in light of the most recent interview. Applicants' remarks associated with the prior amendment are incorporated herein by reference. Independent claim 7 has been amended to recite "wherein the search engine wrapper includes a wrapper ID, wherein the search engine wrapper presents the wrapper ID to a search engine store to identify the search engine wrapper during a registration process." Independent claim 7 has also been amended to recite "discovering the search engine registered with a search system by accessing the search engine store and identifying the search engine wrapper ID associated with the registered search engine." Independent claim 13 has been amended to recite "wherein the plurality of search engine wrappers include wrapper IDs, wherein the plurality of search engine wrappers present the wrapper IDs to a search engine store to identify each of the search engine wrappers during a registration process." Independent claim 13 has also been amended to recite "registering a search engine with the search engine manager to provide searching capabilities, wherein registering includes storing a search engine wrapper ID associated with the registered search engine." Independent claim 21 includes the feature "wherein the at least one search engine wrapper includes a wrapper ID, wherein the search engine wrapper presents the wrapper ID to a search engine store to identify the wrapper during a registration process." Independent claim 21 also includes the feature "discovering at least one search engine registered with a search system by accessing the search engine store and identifying at least one search engine wrapper ID associated with the at least one search engine." New independent claim 37 includes the feature "wherein the at least one search engine wrapper includes a wrapper ID, wherein the search engine wrapper presents the wrapper ID to a search engine store to identify the wrapper during a registration process." New independent claim 37 also includes the features "discovering at least one search engine registered with a search system by accessing the search engine store and identifying at least one search engine wrapper ID associated with the at least one search engine."

As discussed during the most recent interview, the references do not teach this combination of features in association with the other features of the claims. Applicants believe that the claims are allowable. With regard to the dependent claims, they also include allowable

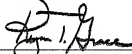
features. Also, the dependent claims ultimately depend from the independent claims, respectively. As such, they should be found allowable for at least those same reasons.

IV. Request For Reconsideration

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

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